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# PEAKS & PLATEAUX



# QUEENSLAND



# MOUNTAIN RESORTS

## *South of Brisbane*

### SPRINGBROOK

Bordering the silver shores of the South Coast of Queensland are series of mountain ranges and plateaux rising to 4,000 feet. Tourist resorts have been established on several parts of the highlands, accessible from Brisbane by road and rail services.

Springbrook is a delightful holiday resort in this Land of Far Horizons. Nowhere in the whole of the south-east corner of the State will be found a more salubrious climate or more impressive mountain scenery. On Springbrook Plateau the visitor may experience the deep authentic mountain thrill, the soft enchantment of sunsets seen from heights, the magic of chiaroscuro on bluff, gorge, and spur, and the quietude of forests glades, "haunts of ancient peace." Canyons and gorges and lookout points of breath-taking beauty, waterfalls and cascades and swift-running streams, steep jungle-clad spurs and wide verdant pasture lands, and always the beauty of jungles and rain-forests festooned with ferns and orchids and vocal with the song of birds. . . . When holidaying on Springbrook the restlessness of the towns falls away like "needles shaken from out the gusty pines."

### BEECHMONT

Possessing similar scenic, climatic, and botanic attractions as the abovementioned resorts, Beechmont is situated some little distance south of Tamborine Mountain. From several vantage points commanding panoramas unfold over range and ravine to the coast, about 19 miles distant, and inland to cloud-capped Macpherson ramparts. The mountain divides the waters of Nerang and Coomera Rivers and is cut by a gorge into two spurs between which springs Back Creek and flows in a series of cascades into the Nerang. Beechmont is reached by way of Nerang Valley, or by a branch road from Canungra, the most direct route. It is 47 miles from Brisbane to Canungra and 11 miles further on to Beechmont. Visitors will find Beechmont a highly pleasing mountain retreat, abounding in natural beauty, and can be recommended to those in search of a restful and healthful holiday. To all holiday-makers who wish to experience the quietude and enchantment of unspoiled mountain beauty, it is to these South Coast highland resorts they should journey. For here, indeed, they may "reap the harvest of a quiet eye"—and is any harvest better worth while?



### BINNA-BURRA

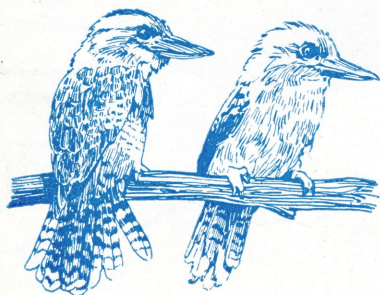
Situated on a spur running into the north-east portion of Lamington National Park, Binna-Burra Lodge (2,750 feet) can be thoroughly recommended to those contemplating a vacation on the mountains. Service cars leave regularly from Brisbane by way of Beechmont. Accommodation is provided in shingled slab cabins adjacent to a central dining and recreation hall. The surrounding country, rugged and heavily forested, offers an infinite number of holiday attractions. The eastern borders overlook Numinbah Valley, with the ocean in the distance; and on the westward is the grandly beautiful Coomera Gorge, containing waterfalls and cascades, riotous sub-tropical vegetation and wealth of bird life. Trips through the Park to Mount Hobwee and other vantage points on the Macpherson Range; to Egg Rock, Dave's Creek Gorge, and the many other scenic delights in Numinbah Valley; to Hanging Gardens, the Caves, Bell-bird Scrub, and the numerous other places of interest will leave imperishable memories. Trails lead from Binna-Burra Lodge to almost every section of Lamington Park.





# Land of Far Horizons

## SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND



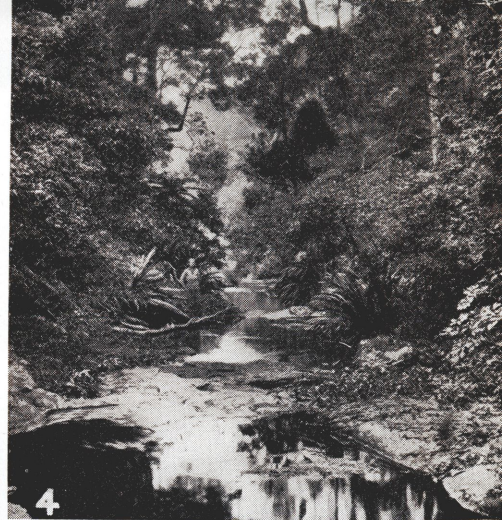
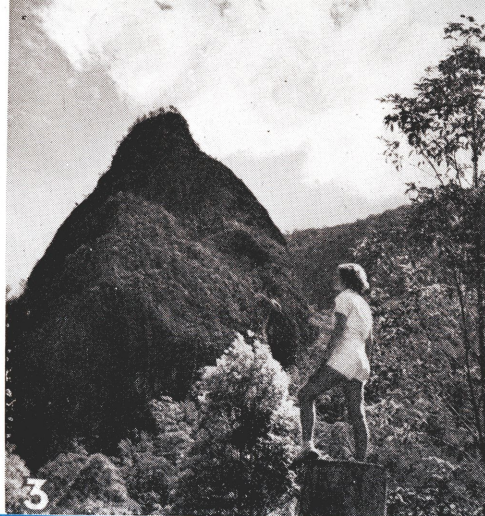
### TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN

One of the most favoured and easily accessible of the mountain resorts in the South Coast is Mount Tamborine (1,815 feet), situated some 50 miles from Brisbane. Service cars run regularly to the various hotels and accommodation houses on the mountain. The glorious wine-enchanted weather usually enjoyed on these dewy uplands, the rich sub-tropical vegetation clothing the slopes, far-reaching views over lowlands and seaboard, undulating fields and gold-green citrus orchards, farms, and horticultural gardens are truly delightful and never fail to entrance the visitor. In Macdonald Park, the Government Sanctuary, and Franklin Reserve will be found true rain-forest types of vegetation—very tall trees with luxuriant top foliage, creepers, palms, ferns, lichens, and abundant undergrowth, particularly along the watercourses. Splendid views are obtained from Eagle Heights and numerous other points. The Palm Grove at Eagle Heights is well worth a visit, as is also the comprehensive collection of butterflies at North Tamborine. Among the most interesting botanical rarities found on Tamborine are the giant cycads (*Macrozamia Denisonii*). It is claimed that the oldest living things in the world are the macrozamia palms, which occur in small patches in various parts of Australia, and are especially numerous on Tamborine. Undoubtedly, these giant cycads are of great age—thousands of years old—but no accurate estimate has yet been made. The age is ascertained by counting the number of leaves produced each year, and the total number of leaf-scars on the trunk.



1. On the Road to Tamborine Mountain.
2. Upper Cocamera Falls, near Binna-Burra.
3. Egg Rock, Numinbah Valley, near Binna-Burra.
4. Moran's Creek, Lamington National Park.
5. Tree Ferns, Lamington National Park.





## LAMINGTON NATIONAL PARK

The lost world of deep gorges and canyons, steep spurs, and forested tabletops of Lamington and Roberts' Plateaux together form the most beautiful national park in South Queensland. Lamington Park is one of the show places of the Commonwealth. With an area of some 47,000 acres, the reserve holds within its borders the grandest portion of the rugged mountain system of the Macpherson Range, which forms a barrier between the two States. O'Reilly's Hostel is situated on Roberts' Plateau at an altitude of 3,028 feet. Access is via Canungra or Beaudesert. The most convenient approach is by service car from Brisbane to Canungra and then by way of the Cainbale Road to the Hostel. The distance by road from Brisbane is about 75 miles. Here on these ever-cool heights will be found the rarest mountain scenery in the whole of the Mellow South, and an eternal spring-like climate. The wonderful tree and bird life, and panoramic views of ineffable loveliness are among the features of Lamington Park. Trails radiate in all directions from the Hostel. For the longer trips horses may be hired. Waterfalls abound in these lofty regions, truly named the Cascade Country. Much of the tablelands, deeply scored, wildly contorted, remains unexplored, so that the visitor may experience the thrill of wandering through virgin territory. Forests of Antarctic beech-trees (*Nothofagus Moorei*) fringe the Queensland border in the highest parts of the Macpherson Range, reaching their eastern limit at Mount Hobwee. Popular descriptions of the beech forests stress the great age of the trees and often suggest that they are relics of an ice age, surviving in the mountains but moribund and out of their element. Such ideas, however, are far from the truth. The slopes of Macpherson Range are the haunts of two rare and interesting birds—the rufus scrub-bird (*Atrichornis rufescens jacksoni*) and the olive whistler (*Pachycephala olivacea*)—which possess respectively the brightest and most mournful notes of all the birds frequenting these forests of mists and moss-clad trees.



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